सामने है। सरकार ने इस संबंध में कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी है और शुल्क तथा करों को कम किया है तथा बैकवर्ड लिंकेज को बढ़ावा देने के उपाय किए हैं। मंत्रालय स्वंय किसी राज्य मे खाद्य प्रसंस्करण यूनिट की स्थापना नहीं करता। लेकिन मंत्रालय अपनी योजना स्कीमों के तहत खाद्य प्रसंस्करण यूनिटों की स्थापना/विस्तार आधुनिकीकरण के लिए राज्य सरकार के संगठनों/सहकारिताओं/स्वैच्छिक संगठनों आदि को वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराता है।

Misutilization of Indira Awas Yojana Funds

2513. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to reduce corruption and misutilisation of funds meant for Indira Awas Yojana being implemented in different parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have issued any directions to the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The Indira Awas Yojana is being implemented through the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/Zila Parishads as per the guidelines provided under the scheme. The funds under the scheme are provided directly to DRDAs/Zila Parishads and the scheme is being implemented by the Panchayat Samiti/Block Development Officer. From time to time the Government is issuing instructions/directions to the State Governments for smooth and effective implementation of the scheme. Any specific complaint/representation with regard to misutilisation of funds is properly looked into for taking appropriate action in the matter.

Guidelines for Power Purchase Agreements

2514. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines in respect of Power Purchase Agreements (PPA);

(b) the number and details of Power Purchase Agreements signed during the last three years; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to enforce the said Agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) The power purchase agreement (PPA) is a contract between the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) and the independent power producers (IPPs) in which the modalities for purchase/sale of power are negotiated between the two parties. As such the issue of monitoring of PPAs comes under the purview of the respective State Governments. Normally the Government of India does not monitor the progress in finalisation of these agreements. To assist the State Government/SEBs in formulation of these agreements, Government of India circulated guidelines in respect of PPAs in 1994. The Ministry of Power also circulated a draft model PPA to enable the State Governments to formulate their own PPAs and also organised training workshops on PPAs. As per the information available in the Ministry of Power, 23 PPAs have been signed by SEBs.

Major Housing Schemes of D.D.A.

2515. SHRI G. PRATHPA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the major housing schemes under implementation by DDA;

(b) whether any targets have been fixed by the DDA to provide housing to the needy;